

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

<p>SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,</p> <p>Plaintiff,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,</p> <p>Defendant.</p>	<p>Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SMB)</p> <p>SIPA LIQUIDATION</p> <p>(Substantively Consolidated)</p>
<p>In re:</p> <p>BERNARD L. MADOFF,</p> <p>Debtor.</p>	
<p>IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC,</p> <p>Plaintiff,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>FRANK J. AVELLINO, <i>et al.</i>,</p> <p>Defendants.</p>	<p>Adv. Pro. No. 10-05421 (SMB)</p>

CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 16 and 26, as incorporated into Bankruptcy Rules 7016 and 7026, Plaintiff Irving H. Picard (the “Trustee”), as trustee for the liquidation of the business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC (“BLMIS”) under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78aaa, *et seq.*, and the substantively consolidated estate of Bernard L. Madoff (individually, “Madoff”) under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy

Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 701, *et seq.*, and the defendants in the above-referenced adversary proceeding (collectively, the “Defendants,” and together with the Trustee, the “Parties”) hereby submit the following proposed Case Management Plan (this “Plan”).

1. Fact Discovery Plan

a. Fact Discovery Cut-Off: All fact discovery is to be completed on or before July 26, 2018.

b. Stipulations on Transfers: The Parties will, in good faith, attempt to stipulate to all of the transfers detailed in the schedules attached in Exhibit B to the Amended Complaint filed in this adversary proceeding. In the event the Parties enter into such a stipulation, they shall finalize the same on or before January 11, 2018.

c. Scope of Fact Discovery: The Parties anticipate they will need to conduct discovery on a number of areas, including, but not limited to, the applicability of section 546(e) of the Bankruptcy Code and various other matters relating to the Defendants’ alleged liability. Limitations on written discovery will be governed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and this Court’s Local Rules, subject to amendment by agreement of the Parties or application to the Court for good cause.

d. Initial Disclosures: The Parties do not propose any changes to the form or requirements for disclosures under Rule 26(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Parties agree that they shall serve initial disclosures on or before June 20, 2017.

e. Document Requests: The Trustee intends to voluntarily produce to the Defendants a large number of documents within his possession, custody, and control relating to the investment advisory accounts that certain Defendants held at BLMIS. The Parties may serve document requests as provided in Rule 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Document requests may be served on or after the date of this Plan but no later than January 11, 2018. The

Parties may produce documents responsive to requests under Rule 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as well as those made in connection with initial disclosures, on a CD-ROM, in an electronic data room, or other similar electronic format. Given the volume of documentation that may be subject to disclosure in this adversary proceeding, a Party may produce a summary report, such as an expert report, and provide access to the underlying documentation on which the summary report relies in an electronic data room or other medium for review by the other Parties. With regard to documents produced electronically, the Parties shall comply with the e-discovery protocol attached hereto as Exhibit 1, subject to Rule 26(b)(2)(B) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

f. Interrogatories: Interrogatories, if any, shall be served in accordance with Local Rule 7033 and no later than March 28, 2018.

g. Requests for Admission: Requests for Admission, if any, may be served on or after the date of this Plan but no later than March 28, 2018.

h. Depositions: All depositions of fact witnesses must be completed by the fact discovery cut-off date specified above. The Parties will endeavor to conclude the majority of depositions within the seven hours provided under Rule 30(d)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, although the Parties acknowledge there may be certain depositions that cannot be concluded within the time limit. The Parties will agree to reasonable extensions or reductions of the seven hour limit as appropriate, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 30(d)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Parties agree that the Defendants, collectively, and Plaintiff shall each be permitted to take twenty (20) depositions. To the extent the deposition of any fact witness raises common issues relevant to other avoidance actions in the underlying bankruptcy proceeding in which initial disclosures have been made and discovery is open, the Trustee shall coordinate such depositions with the witness and defendants in such adversary

proceedings. The Trustee shall provide notice of such depositions under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and notify defendants of the date, time, and location of any such depositions. To the extent a deposition is so coordinated, the limitations set forth in Rule 30(d)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure shall not apply, and the Parties shall agree on an appropriate duration for the deposition. Such depositions shall not prejudice or preclude the Trustee from additional depositions of such witnesses in adversary proceedings in which initial disclosures have not been made and discovery is not open. Depositions of the Trustee are prohibited absent an order issued by this Court upon a showing of good cause.

2. Expert Discovery Plan. Every Party that intends to offer expert testimony must make the disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on or before October 30, 2018. Every Party that intends to offer expert testimony in opposition to such disclosures must make the disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on or before January 29, 2019. No expert testimony (whether designated as “rebuttal” or otherwise) will be permitted by other experts or beyond the scope of the opinion covered by the aforesaid disclosures except upon prior express permission of the Court, application for which must be made no later than ten (10) days after the date specified in the immediately preceding sentence. All experts may be deposed, but such depositions must occur on or before May 2, 2019. The foregoing restriction shall not affect the Parties’ duties to supplement expert disclosures as required by Rule 26 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. All expert discovery must be completed on or before June 5, 2019.

3. Proposed Modifications of Standard Pretrial Proceeding. Except as otherwise set forth herein, the Parties do not presently believe any modifications are appropriate or necessary to the standard pretrial proceeding and will contact the Court if their belief in this regard changes.

4. Mediation and Settlement. The Parties may engage in settlement discussions or consider mediation at any time.

5. Trial. The Parties propose that they will confer with each other and the Court at the conclusion of all discovery to schedule a final pre-trial conference and the trial.

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So Ordered this 20th Day of March, 2017

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